

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:                      Aime et al.                                      Confirmation No.: 7608  
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For:    PROCEDURES OF CELLULAR LABELING WITH  
    PARAMAGNETIC COMPLEXES FOR MRI APPLICATIONS  
Art Unit:    1618

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Sir:

**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO NON- FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

This *Amendment and Response* is being filed in response to the Non-Final Office Action mailed on September 15, 2009. Applicants are concurrently filing a petition for a two-month extension of time to extend the response deadline up to and including February 15, 2010.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on 4 page of this paper.